

Amendments to the Abstract

Please rewrite the abstract into a single paragraph as set forth on the attached separate sheet.

Remarks

This is responsive to the Office Action of January 10, 2007, constituting a requirement for election of species. Applicants hereby elect the following species:

- a) epoxy resin : bisphenol A type epoxy resin,
- b) curing agent : polyeicosadioic anhydride,
- c) curing accelerator : triphenylphosphine, and
- d) polyol : polyethylene glycol.

As noted by the Examiner, each of the elected species is disclosed in Example 1 of the present application.

All of claims 1-30 read on the elected species.

Applicant emphasizes that these elections are made while reserving his rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.

In response to the objection to the abstract, it has now been amended into a single paragraph as set forth on the attached sheet. Also attached is a copy of the original abstract with markings to show the change that was made.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

There is provided an epoxy resin powder coating containing an epoxy resin, a curing agent, a curing accelerator and a polyol having a melting point of 40 to 110° C. The polyol is, for example, a polyether polyol or polyester polyol having a weight average molecular weight of 1,000 to 30,000 and is contained in an amount of 10 to 60 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the epoxy resin.

10 → A film formed from the epoxy resin powder coating hardly undergoes peeling and the occurrence of cracks even when an article coated with the coating is deformed after the film is cured. The coating is also excellent in heat resistance and cracking resistance.